

## 4. Some issues raised by admitting children to Holy Communion before Confirmation

### Theological issues

- The priority of Grace
- Baptism as complete sacramental initiation into Christ
- Children as part of the covenant people of God
- Understanding or faith?



### Liturgical issues

- Parish Eucharists mean children attending Communion
- The need to make sense of their place in the service as a whole
- Suitability of the Eucharistic Prayer when children are present
- Continuing teaching about Holy Communion



### Pastoral issues

- Baptism policy
- Parental support
- Sunday group leader involvement
- Teaching on the meaning of Communion
- Regular parochial opportunities for the renewal of baptismal vows
- Making room for more 'baptist' parents
- An overall culture which enables children to be worshippers
- Children wanting to emulate their peers
- A minimum age?
- The place of Confirmation